

In re Application of: Haim NIV
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Examiner: Matthew M. BARKER
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REMARKS

The present amendment is believed to place the application in order for allowance. Essentially, the amendments place the objected to claims in independent form and make a few cosmetic changes as indicated below. No new issues are raised. The previously allowed claims (41 and dependent claims) are not amended.

The present Application contains claims 1-15, 17-28, 31-52, 55-67, 70, 71, 73 and 74. Claims 1, 17, 20, 35, 36, 55, 65 and 66 are currently amended. Claims 16, 53, 54, 68, 69, and 72 are currently cancelled. Claims 73 and 74 are new. While claims 4, 12, 14, 15, 25, 31-33, 35, 36, 45-52 and 55-58 are withdrawn, Applicant submits that the withdrawn claims are all dependent on claims that are patentable and that they should be allowed together with their parent claims and be included in any patent that includes independent claims from which they are dependent.

The Examiner indicated that claims 16 and 20 are objected to but would be allowable if put in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 16 and claim 20 has been put in independent form. Claim 17 is cancelled. Independent claim 53 and claims 54, 68, 69 and 72 dependent on claim 53 have been cancelled. The dependencies of claims 55, 65 and 66 have been changed. A cosmetic change was made in claim 36. Claim 55 has been amended to conform to its new parent claim. New claim 73 corresponds to old claim 20, (which was made independent) and is dependent on claim 1. Claim 74 corresponds substantially to old claim 40, except that it is dependent on claim 1. All of the remaining claims are dependent directly or indirectly on claim 1 or claim 20 and are patentable for the same reasons as claim.

Applicant submits that the application is now in order for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestion for advancing the case to allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at 1-877-428-5468. This is a direct toll-free number to the undersigned's office in Israel. Israel is 7 hours ahead of Washington.

Respectfully submitted,



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